

## New Mexico - (Mora Field Office)

### FY 2003 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field No's. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Rating \_\_\_\_ Final Rating \_\_\_\_

#### 1. Plants - (Total Maximum Points 60)

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Points - Bench Mark	Points - After
<b>Rangelands:</b>	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent	%	+ + = %	60		
Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	%	+ + = %	50		
Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	%	+ + = %	40		
Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	%	+ + = %	30		
Index	SI of 26-50 with downward trend	%	+ + = %	20		
(SI)*	SI of 0-25 with upward trend	%	+ + = %	10		
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend	%	+ + = %	0		
<b>Riparian</b>	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark:	% Quality After:	60		
<b>Grazed Forest:</b>	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark:	% Quality After:	60		
<b>1. Plants</b>		Total	100%	Total	100%	<b>Total:</b>

#### 2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - (Total Maximum Points 220)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the EQIP Contract must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans.

	Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	Points - After
<b>Soil Erosion</b>			
Critical Area Planting (342)	10		
Diversion (362)	10		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)	10		
Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)	10		
Other Related Practices: 348, 548	2		
<b>Water Quantity</b>			
Brush Management Light	20		
Brush Management Medium	40		
Brush Management Heavy	60		
<b>Water Quality</b>			
Riparian Forest Buffer (392)	10		
Tree and Shrub establishment (612)	10		
Windbreak/shelterbelt renovation (650)	10		

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<b>Air</b>	<b>(No Air Issues Identified)</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>Plants</b>			
Prescribed Burning (338)	<b>10</b>		
Fence (382)	<b>10</b>		
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548)	<b>5</b>		
Range Planting (550)	<b>5</b>		
Other Related Practices: 326	<b>1</b>		
<b>Animals</b>			
Water Development (Single Pasture)	<b>30</b>		
Water Development (Two Pastures)	<b>40</b>		
Water Development (Three or more Pastures)	<b>50</b>		
Practices would include 516,378,533,574,614,642,575 (1 point each)	<b>7</b>		
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>		<b>Total:</b>	

### 3. Other Considerations - (Total Maximum Points 55)

Below are some additional criteria.	Potential Points	Bench-mark	Points - After
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	5	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or proposed sec. 319 project.	5	0	
D. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.	5	0	
E.1 An intensive grazing system will be initiated (rested >70% of the time during the growing season)	30		
E.2 An extensive grazing system will be initiated (rested 25-70% of the time during the growing season)	20		
E.3 Continuous grazing is/will be used (rested <25% of the time during the growing season)	0		
F. The complete grazing operating unit is in the contract	5	0	
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>		

Designated Conservationist \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_